



City of Long Beach
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Memorandum

Date: November 2, 2004

To: Mike Conway

Cc: Greg Carpenter
Rick Trent

From: Vickie Becker

Subject: **Meeting Minutes San Gabriel River Study Group
10/14/04**

Meeting Notes:

Intro:
Attendees, introduction

Thomas Marchese	Janis Dahl	Lisa Bergland
C.J. Hentzen	Lisa Rinaldi	Maryanne Golden
M. Fleming	Adria Stoker	Jim Carter
Denis & Tina Craig	Micheal Pugh	Don May
Dave Bates	Sam Smock	
Tom Lockhart	Ric Trent	

City of Long Beach:

Mike Conway, Property Services
Greg Carpenter, Planning Bureau Manager
Vickie Becker, Planner

Discussion:

Overview of previous meeting (see minutes from 9/8).

Purpose of the study group is to make suggestions and, or recommendations to City Council on a new zoning policy or an updated planning document for the study group area.

- What types of development are desirable, acceptable, feasible...
- Is a Master Plan Necessary?
- Can we amend the current documentation (Seadip) to include the study area?

The manner in which the recommendations will be generated is through public meetings. This shall be a community driven process where City Staff will work in facilitating the group with information and education.

Meeting is open for Q & A:

Q: Is it now legal to develop the existing wetlands?

A:

- The City of Long Beach annexed the property in 1997.
- Seadip was never certified with the Costal Commission for a large part of the area in question.
- Currently a developer would have to go to the Costal Commission with a proposal that the Commission would approve.
- No development proposal has been proposed to the City as of yet.
- As it stands a study of the property needs to be redone to redefine the boundaries of the wetlands. This study can be done by a private entity or by the City. However, should a proposal come through prior to a City review and official policy recordation the onus would fall on the developer to establish the wetlands boundary.
- The developer would be required to do an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that would be reviewed by the City.
- The purpose of the study group and the recommendations to City Council is a proactive stance so that the City is prepared to deal with any potential development proposals by private entities.

Q: Can the City institute a moratorium of the study area?

A:

- The City Council can if they determine that a state of emergency exists.

Q: When will the City make a decision?

A:

- Not until an application for development is received.
- The goal of the study sessions is to be ahead of the game.
- The group is a doorway for input from City residents.

Q: How can un-zoned property be sold?

A:

- Private property owners have the right to sell. This includes privately owned wetlands.
- This is a big piece of property.
- Most of the land is contaminated in some way. A large portion is brownsfields.
- Funding may be available for remediation and development.
- Market forces will dictate the sale of the property.

Q: Why hasn't the City Been participating in some form of agreement regarding the Bixby land?

A:

- The City has been participating. There are two documented efforts.
 - The City attempted to have Seadip certified with the Costal Commission. The proposal was not approved.
 - The City has made attempts to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bixby Ranch Company. No agreement has been made.

Discussion on Meeting format and Committee selection:

<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Association</u>
Ric Trent, Chair	Vice Chair to be selected at a later date.	Naples Neighborhood Association
David Bates	Denis Craig	Island Village
Jim Carter		Bixby Village HOA
Benjamin Goldberg	Janis Dahl	University Park Estates
Shelly Hanks	Sonia Pawluczyk	Alamitos Heights
Tom Lockhart		Belmont Shores
Bob Metzger	Tom Pattterson	Bay Harbour
Sam Smock	Lisa Rinaldi	Pacific Villas HOA
Mike Pugh		College Estates East
Hank Snapper		Spinnaker Bay

Minute Clerk:

Vickie Becker, City of Long Beach

Meeting Format:**DATES:**

Meetings set for 2nd Wednesday of each month.

TIME:

Each meeting shall be approximately 2 hours long beginning at 6:00 pm and ending at 8:00 pm.

LOCATION:

Seal Beach Yacht Club

RULES:

Parliamentary or Rogers, Rick Trent will provide documentation.

FORMAT:

- 1st 15 minutes are reserved for public input. 3 minute time frame for each speaker (will allow for one person (3 min.) over the initial 15 minutes). Letters notes and e-mails will be accepted from those who cannot attend.

***POINT OF CONTACT: Vickie Becker, Vickie_Becker@Longbeach.gov

- 6:30 – 7:30 hour, speaker session
- Questions answers and comments 7:30-8:00.

The meeting will be held in a long table format. City Rep.'s will arrive early to arrange room.

***Name Plates shall be provided for both Committee Members and Alternates.

VOTING:

- One vote per organization